AEGD

NDC Southwest

San Diego

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AEGD NDC SW

- Inception 1995
- Last re-accreditation 1999
- Next accreditation 2006

Director

- LCDR David H. Hartzell
  - 2 year Comprehensive trained and a diplomate of the FSBGD
  - Co-director of AEGD MIDLANT Program 1999 – 2002
  - First year running AEGD NDCSW Program
  - Scheduled to rotate summer 04

Residents

- AEGD
  - 2002-2003 – 8 Residents
  - 2003-2004 – 10 Residents

2002-2003 AEGD Class

- Very diverse group with varying clinical skills
- All benefited greatly from course curriculum and specialty exposure
- Mid-year and final surveys very positive
- Areas for possible improvement:
  - More clinical time
  - Timing of some classes
  - Changes in schedule

Comments

- “Too much didactics. Classes are taking valuable clinic time away.”
- “It seems more like 30% didactics and 70% clinical.”
- “The classes are dry and too similar to what the lectures were like back in 2nd year dental school.”
- “Wish the lectures were formatted to discussing actual cases and clinical situations.”

More Clinical Time

- Focused at getting program back to 10% didactic and 90% clinical at Mentor's Meeting
- Mentors very supportive of change
- Resist temptation to "add" more classroom time
- Stress quality and problem based learning over quantity
- Full morning clinical schedule incorporated

Timing of Classes

- Changed classroom time to afternoons to take advantage of reduced patient demand in PM
- Early-on rotations in oral diagnosis and sick call
- Clinically oriented classes given early in year
  - Orthodontics
  - Treatment Planning
  - TMD/Orofacial Pain
  - Caries Control and Management

Changes in Schedule

- Some changes are unavoidable considering schedule is put together more than a year in advance
- Classes and events purposely not scheduled on days or periods where changes might be likely
  - Wednesday In-service
  - Holiday Period

Program Refocus

- Get away from extremely complicated cases
- Emphasize treatment planning and patient management
- Drastically increase the number of single need procedures (crowns, FPDs, veneers, RBFPDs, RPDs, etc.)
- Emphasize procedures and supplementals they can use routinely and make sure they do a lot of them to increase skill, confidence and efficiency

Program Refocus

- Residents should leave program with the confidence and ability to treat future patients at the same level as when in the program
- Increase the number of active duty patients seen during program

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“ How Can We Help The Command, And “Sailor-ize” Our AEGD Residents?”

“Sailor-ization”

- Retention problems
- Junior officers want added responsibilities, and contribute even more to the command
- They enjoy the sailor-ization aspect of their job: Wetside dentistry, C-4, and fleet homecomings
- That’s what sets them apart from their civilian counterparts

“Sailor-ization”

- USS AEGD Dental Liaison Officer

Logistics:

Each of the 10 AEGD residents will be assigned to a ship (e.g. a frigate)

Each resident will be responsible for the ODR and DHI. The resident can coordinate with the ship’s independent duty corpsman a schedule for class 4 exams

Dental needs can be addressed and properly referred to the specialty areas. If routine restorative care is needed, then resident can take the sailor on as his/her own patient

Opportunity to do an in-service training onboard on dental wellness

“Sailor-ization”

Summary

- USS AEGD Dental Liaison Officer

1. Collateral duty- Fitrep bullet
2. Ownership of ODR and DHI for a particular ship
3. Opportunity to provide dental wellness training on the ship
4. A patient pool for the AEGD resident
5. The added responsibility- a “win-win” for all: the AEGD resident, the ship, and NDCSW

USS AEGD Dental Liaison Officer

Coordinators

- NDC Southwest Sponsor
- Naval Station San Diego Branch Director Manning
- AIRPAC/SURFPAC Force Dental Officer Ship Availability
- NDCSW Fleet Dental Officer Ship Assignment
- NDCSW AEGD Director Mentorship

Wetside Dentistry Rotation

1st year opportuni

- FMF Dentistry (AEGD in Pendleton, LeJeune, and Okinawa)
- Hospital Dentistry (GPRs)
- Overseas Dentistry (AEGD in Yokosuka, and Okinawa)

Wetside Dentistry Rotation

Why not offer the opportunity to experience shipboard dentistry?

Wetside Dentistry Rotation

Goals

- Exposure to shipboard dentistry
- Opportunity to practice in an operational theater
- Camaraderie with the ship's wardroom
- Perception: Naval officer first, then dental officer

Wetside Dentistry Rotation

Benefits

- Increase ship's dental readiness and dental health index
- Exposure to shipboard dentistry and the dental officer's collateral roles on the ship
- Familiarization with our line community's mission
- Reduce fear factor for ship tours
- Observe operational evolutions: flight ops, amphibious vehicle launches, and general quarters
- Ship's company dental officer: serves as a junior officer mentor

Wetside Dentistry Rotation

Coordinators

- NDC Southwest
  Sponsor
- Naval Station San Diego Branch Director
  Manning
- AIRPAC/SURFPAC Force Dental Officer
  Ship schedule coordinator
- AEGD Director
  Rotation coordinator
- Credentialing Officer
  Appendix Q

Wetside Dentistry Rotation

Comments

- “Loved it, great idea and definitely gives you an eye into the real Navy.”
- “Good experience.”
- “Fantastic experience. One of the best parts of the program. Not only did I learn about Navy and operational dentistry, the mentor on the ship was exceptional as a teacher.”
- “Great experience.”
- “Great. It was an awesome experience.”

Fun Based Dentistry

My Goal For The AEGD Resident

- Opportunity to practice dentistry that is different than the civilian sector
- Dilemma: Stay or leave the Navy?
- Look back: Fun based dentistry- operational assignments, camaraderie, sports day, etc
- Specialists: If they see how much fun and pride we have in our specialty, then it may trigger interests for specialty training
- Recruiters: Goodwill towards the Navy

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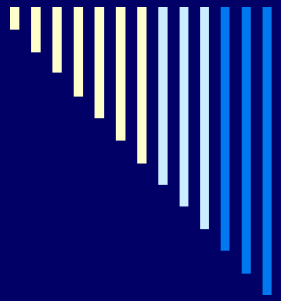

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